



# NYSUT Retiree Council 22

## Newsletter

March 2020

### RC #22 Executive Board

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### President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

This has been a busy late winter season. We are getting prepared for a very important 10-year Federal census to take place. I hope you received the all Long Island newsletter from our Retiree Councils on the upcoming census and have looked at it carefully! Every person needs to be counted to insure we receive full representation in Congress and that we receive all of the desperately needed federal dollars to help with keeping our environment clean, maintaining our quality of education, and availability of social services and so much more!

School budget proposals have been boosted by more state funds, but never enough to cover the growth in some districts and mandates that must be followed, all in accordance with the tax cap in place. It is always a balancing act to provide quality education to our students and not over burden the local taxpayers. The State must help districts to cover the cost of educating our important student population.

This winter brought us impeachment hearings, the beginning of the Caucus season and political ads galore. Remember the ideals that we as educators must adhere to. Equality, democracy, fairness and a level playing field for all of our students is a must. We need to elect candidates who believe in the same principles that we as Union members believe in. We should all agree that we need fair wages, medical equity, retirement security and a

safe environment for future generations. We need to cast our vote, our voices, for those candidates who will help to make that happen!

Congratulations to the four winners of Retiree Council 22 Mini-grants. We had many applications and there were many quality grants that we could not fund. Applying for these grants requires innovation, determination and a level of true commitment to the students they teach. Congratulations to all of the applicants and winners!

We have an RC 22 General Meeting on Wednesday June 3, 2020, at BEES headquarters located at **440 Waverly Road, Patchogue**. The meeting **starts at 10 AM**. Please attend! We are electing a new President, as well as, a slate of officers to carry out our mission as informed and concerned retirees and members of Retiree Council 22. Please help with our mission, become involved, come to a meeting or a luncheon. Hope to see you there.

### RC-22 web site

<http://rc22.ny.aft.org/>

Look for news, resources, member  
benefits and more!

## **\*\*Congratulations to Our Four RC 22 Mini-Grant Award Winners for the 2019-2020 School Year\*\***

They should be congratulated for their commitment and effort for going the extra mile for all of their students! The winner are:

**Stephanie Dubois-Rivera and Tonya Gonzalez:**  
Phillips Ave Elementary School- Riverhead Schools  
for “*Bilingual Readers On The Rise*”

**Janis Ellis-Smith:** Phillips Ave Elementary School-  
Riverhead Schools for “*Superb Glorious Spain*”

**Kryn Olson:** Sag Harbor Elementary School- Sag  
Harbor Schools for “*Next Generation Weather Sta-  
tion*”

**Mary Pettit:** Frank F. Long Intermediate School-  
Bellport Schools For “*Flexible Listening To Audio-  
books With Headphones*”

**Kudos to All Who Applied and for Those Who Were  
Granted Awards!!**

### **KEEP UP TO DATE!!!**

#### **All Address changes for NYSUT publications**

Send written changes to:  
NYSUT Member Records  
Troy Schenectady Rd  
Latham, NY 12110

Email changes to:  
memberrec@nysutmail.org

Call NYSUT Member Records  
1-800- 342-9810 x6224

### **Stay Informed**

The following websites are great resources for retirees.  
Information about state and federal legislation on important  
issues.

New York State United Teachers  
[www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org)

American Federation of Teachers  
[www.aft.org](http://www.aft.org)

New York State Teachers Retirement system  
[www.nysstrs.org](http://www.nysstrs.org)

New York State Alliance for Retired Americans  
[www.newyorkstateara.org](http://www.newyorkstateara.org)

NYSUT Member Benefits  
[memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org)

### **General Meeting Notice**

There will be an RC 22 general meeting on Wednes-  
day, June 3, 2020, to elect new officers for a two-year  
term.

The meeting will be held at the BEES office, located  
at 440 Waverly Road, Suite 12, Patchogue, NY.

This is an important meeting!  
Please try to attend!!

The following offices are open for election:

President  
Vice president  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Please consider running for a position. I will not be  
willing to run for another term as president. I thank  
you for allowing me to serve as president these past  
three terms.

## **SUPPORT RC 22**



As a NYSUT retiree, you are a lifetime member of RC 22; however, without financial support from you, RC 22 cannot represent you at county, state and national conferences and meetings. We ask you to contribute an annual \$5 participation fee. If you pay dues to an operating retiree chapter, (Eastern Suffolk BOCES, (BEES), Mattituck-Cutchogue, Patch-Medford, Riverhead, Rocky Pt, Southampton and Wm. Floyd), your \$5 fee will be forwarded to RC 22 by your chapter. If you do not pay dues to one of these chapters, please fill out the form below and send it with your \$5 check payable to **RC #22**.

**Mail to:** Bill Rockwell, RC #22 Treasurer 30 Carmen Blvd. Brookhaven, NY 11719

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ Local you retired from: \_\_\_\_\_

# NOTICE OF RC 22 OFFICER ELECTIONS-2020

## Retiree Council #22 Officer Declaration Form:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare my intention to run for the  
(full name) following office:

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer

I am a retiree from:

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of NYSUT local you retired from)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

**Elections will be held at the Spring General meeting  
on Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

The BEES (BOCES) office  
440 Waverly Road, Patchogue, NY  
10:00 AM

***Please return form before May 15, 2020 to:***

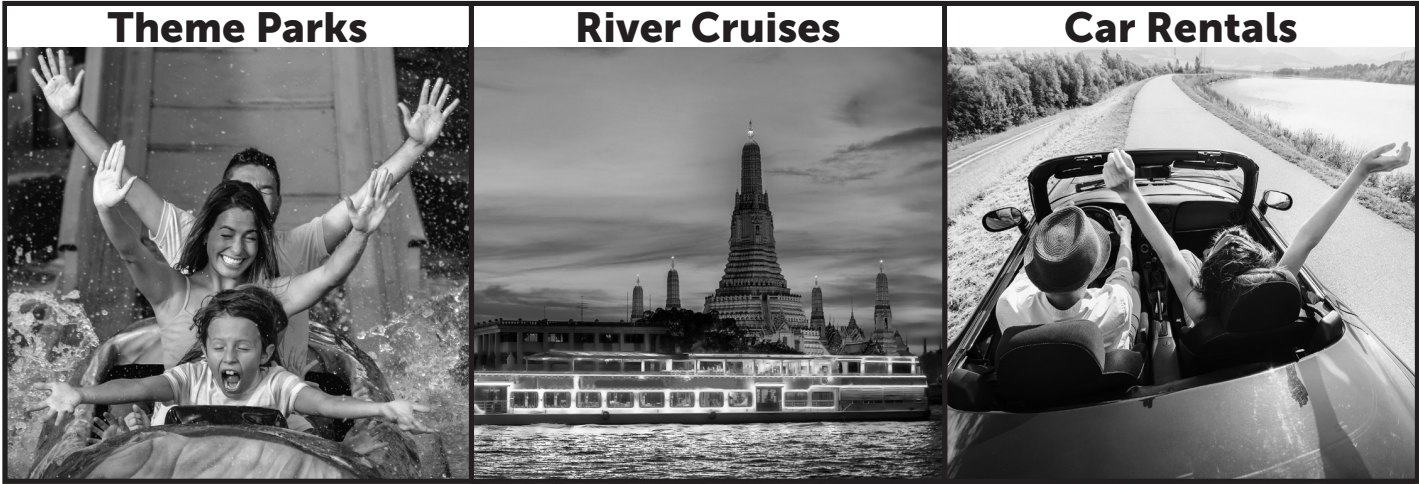
***B. Barosa, RC 22 President  
8 Robin Hood Lane  
East Setauket, NY 11733***

***And also email me [rc22pres@gmail.com](mailto:rc22pres@gmail.com)***

***Nominations will also be taken from the floor on meeting day.***

**Contributions to VOTE-COPE can be made online at:**

**<https://www.nysut.org/my-nysut/reference/toolkit/member/political-action/vote-cope>**



## Save on travel with NYSUT Member Benefits!

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